

Request for Comment – Talc Lease Application

(August 1, 2014) The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting public comment on a talc mining lease application submitted by Barretts Minerals, Inc. (Barretts) The tract of State school trust land is located adjacent to Barretts' existing Regal talc mine, 12 miles east of Dillon, MT.

Barretts is currently considering conducting exploration to determine if talc reserves may exist on the tract. Issuance of a lease does not convey the right to mine, and no mining is proposed at this time. If mining were proposed in the future, Barretts would have to submit a mine permit application to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and DNRC. The application would be reviewed pursuant to the requirements of the Montana Environmental Policy Act, and would have to be approved by both DEQ and DNRC for any mining to take place.

Comments should be submitted in writing to "Barretts Lease Comments", MT-DNRC, PO Box 201601, Helena MT 59620-1601 or by email to mmason@mt.gov. Comments are requested by 5 p.m., August 29, 2014. Please contact Monte Mason at 406-444-3843 for additional information or a map.

The DNRC will collect and review comments received, and will provide all information to the State Board of Land Commissioners for consideration at their September Meeting.